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REMARKS

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Gidwani ('239). By this amendment, the limitations of claims 9 and 10 have been moved into claim 8, such that claim 8 now includes the recitation of a wireless signal transmitter, a remote microphone being configured to receive and transmit a wireless signal back to the base unit, enabling the base unit to follow a moving user. Given that Gidwani neither teaches nor suggests a sort of signal receiving/retransmitting capability, anticipation is avoided.

Claims 9-12 and 14-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gidwani in view of Chang et al. ('732). As claims 9 and 10 have cancelled, Applicant will address the rejection with respect to claims 11, 12 and 14-17.

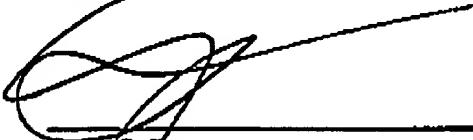
As discussed in response to a previous Office Action, although Chang includes the capability of determining the positional aspect of a user, it does so in an entirely different manner. Broadly, Chang accomplishes this by detecting the actual voice of a user using a plurality of microphones, then using triangulation as a function of those microphones to find out where the user is. As such, Chang does not include any teaching or suggestion of the transmission of a signal for location purposes. Secondly, the system of Chang is limited to hard-wired applications, and there is no teaching or suggestion *from the prior art* to make the microphones of Chang et al. wireless. This would only further complicate the system of Chang. Finally, with regard to Applicant's claims directed to a plurality of users, the system of Chang simply would not work. There is no way, using the Chang system, to distinguish among different speakers, since their voices are used directly. If two people are speaking in the same room utilizing the Chang apparatus, it would not know which one to follow.

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gidwani in view of Murphy ('380). Claim 13 adds to claim 8 the limitation of a plurality of wireless microphones used for transmitting the wireless signal back to the base unit, plus circuitry for distinguishing the signal so that the camera follows a particular user when that user is speaking. The teachings of Murphy notwithstanding, given that the system of Gidwani includes no provisions for receiving and retransmitting a locator signal, the proposed combination would not result in Applicant's invention as claimed. Accordingly, *prima facie* obviousness has not been established.

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Based upon the foregoing amendments and comments, Applicant believes the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.

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